

Boston July 31. 1775.

My Dear Sir -

Your great attention to me & concern for my comfort
 deserves my sincerest thanks. - I recd the two quarters of mutton & have
 divided one between Dr. Rand & Mr. Welfsh, who express their acknowle-
 -ment in the highest terms. Part of the other I shall send to make broth
 for the prisoners, who have really suffered for want of fresh meat. I
 shall ~~do~~ this day make a quantity of broth for the sick around me who
 are very numerous. You cannot conceive the relief you will give to a num-
 ber of persons by this kind office. ^{perhaps your broth has been dispersed to 30 or 40 sick people I thank you for the ability of helping them.} I have invited a number of
 partake of the rep. - It is one of the greatest pleasures I have ^{now}
 to partake of any good thing which providence sends me. Oh! ^{how} have we despised
 former mercies. God is severely teaching us our ingratitude. May we know
 the blessedness of those whom he chasteneth & teacheth out of his law -
 after all, the difficulty of food is the least concern I have - tho' I very
 seldom meet with any thing fresh. - But to live among scenes of blood &
 slaughter - ^{other} trials which I do not care to mention. is hard. - & yet on
 the whole I cannot say I am sorry I am here. I hope God has made me in
 some measure useful in my labor both in public & private. I visit the
 sick in all parts of the Town. but alas! I do but little in comparison with
 what I ought to do for so good a Master. - This is my greatest distress -
 The door is again opened for the departure of the Inhabitants - Multitudes
 Mr. Parker -

will embrace the opportunity - The more go from us, the easier it will be for me to depart. in this view I rejoice to see my friends going from me. - & yet if God calls me to tarry why should I repine - tis because I have ^{not} that temper of mind I ought to have that I cannot leave myself wholly to Providence & be perfectly easy in the situation in which God sees fit to place me. I have yet fixed no time for my departure. I find the very mention of it occasions uneasy sensations ^{in the people} which give me pain - May God direct me. - I just recd a letter from my Son at Fairfield. dated July 20. which informs me of the health & welfare of Mr Eliot & my children there. Blessed be God. you cannot conceive what a relief this affords me. Pray remember me to your dear Consort

Her & Children. & all other of my friends & congregation who are - My Assembly is large, it ~~will~~ hath decreased, it will soon be small. - Oh! how happy should I be to see my own people collected together & to preach once more to them. - but the will of the Lord be done. Pray let me have a remembrance with you & believe me to be

Your obliged & affectionate Friend
& humble Servant

Andrew Eliot. -

~~I don't mention Deacon Sharp~~
because I purpose to write to him.

Aug: 2
Mr Wells was as communicative of his Mutton & broth as I was - in short you cannot conceive how much good you have done - Mr Anglin ~~of~~ tells me he verily believes it saved the lives of a number of people. I eat very little of it myself & yet never had ^{much} pleasure in any provision in my life - If I could only get a little at times - I would engage not to taste it myself & to give it only to the sick - Provision for myself is my least concern. The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.

If you could find me a line by this Transport - ^{commit it to the} ~~care of~~
care of Mr ^{Knox} ~~San Jose~~ with whom I believe the Captain has the some
acquaintance or to Capt Holt or Hall in the Transport Service
either of whom will convey it safe to me -

~~Capt Hall will be the best to direct to -~~

Letter from Rev^d Andrew
Eliot to Daniel
Parker. 31 July. 1775

M^r Daniel Parker

Salem

July 11, 1907